## SENATE RESOLUTION 8697

By Senator Jacobsen

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the Washington State Senate to honor great entrepreneurs who serve our community, our State, and our nation with innovative products and services; and

WHEREAS, Ebbets Field Flannels has been in business in Seattle for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Cohen started Ebbets Field Flannels with the idea of producing quality reproductions of baseball uniforms worn by the Pacific Coast League, Negro League, and other minor league teams; and

WHEREAS, The championing of Negro leagues baseball history reflects Ebbets Field Flannels' most challenging, difficult, and rewarding research effort in re-creating jerseys worn by Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Jackie Robinson, and others; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Cohen has steadfastly maintained his singular vision to produce historically accurate vintage flannel baseball shirts and related clothing items; and

WHEREAS, Each flannel shirt produced by Ebbets Field Flannels is a distinct project tailored to the needs of each consumer, preserving the historical significance of each shirt produced; and

WHEREAS, Ebbets Field Flannels makes products that reflect our country's enthusiasm for sports, a significant part of our shared national experience, something that unites us all, whether we follow a favorite team all season or only join in our nation's passion for the World Series, the Super Bowl, or March Madness; and

WHEREAS, Ebbets Field Flannels shares this enthusiasm with the world beyond our borders, having produced baseball uniforms for teams in Russia and the fledgling national baseball team in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, For their "overwhelming and heartwarming response" and generous donation to the Iraqi baseball team, Ebbets Field Flannels received national praise and recognition on the Rachel Maddow Show on MSNBC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby recognize and honor Jerry Cohen and Ebbets Field Flannels, in celebration of their pioneering research efforts and their contributions to the historical records of baseball uniform annals and commitment to promoting our national pastime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Jerry Cohen and Ebbets Field Flannels.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8697, adopted by the Senate February 25, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate